

UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Atty. Docket No. 04859.00006

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

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Title of Invention: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING TOBACCO TO REDUCE
NITROSAMINE CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY

- ☒ Continuation
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/397,018, filed September 15, 1999

1. ☒ Specification 43 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 52 claims (8 independent)
(prior to Preliminary Amendment)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:
 - ☒ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
 - ☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
 - ☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
 - ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
 - ☒ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. ☒ Formal Drawings: 2 Figures / 1 Distinct Sheet.
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
5. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☒ Form 1449
 - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☒ Assignment
 - ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
 - ☒ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: **Regent Court Technologies**
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

JC862 U.S. PTO
09/668144
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8. ☐ Priority document(s)
9. ☒ Small Entity Statement
☒ Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired
☐ is attached
☐ is no longer claimed
10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
☐ Computer Readable Copy
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$690.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	15	18.00	\$270.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	1	78.00	\$78.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	260.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1,038.00
	MULTIPLY BY		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.5		\$519.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$519.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$519.00

13. PAYMENT is:
- ☒ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18
- ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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